

every week sorting through cans and bottles from his customers and getting them ready to take to the recycling center. I am proud he has combined his passion of recycling and protecting the environment with volunteerism to support our community and conserve its beauty.

During National Volunteer Month and on Earth Day, I am proud to celebrate the exceptional work of individuals like Ryan Hickman who volunteer their time and contribute to our unique and beautiful district. I'm so grateful for CA-49 residents who dedicate their lives to the betterment of our residents and planet, and I'm proud to honor Ryan Hickman as my April Constituent of the Month.

RECOGNIZING THE FEDERATION  
OF INDIAN ASSOCIATIONS IN  
COMMEMORATING INDIA'S 75  
YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE AND  
HONORING ASIAN HERITAGE  
MONTH

**HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 12, 2022*

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Madam Speaker, today I wish to recognize the Federation of Indian Associations (FIA) as it commemorates India's 75 years of independence as well as Asian Heritage Month. Since FIA's establishment in 1970, its mission has been to serve the Indian-American community, promote Indian cultural heritage, and advance bilateral ties between the United States and India.

Over the course of five decades, FIA has organized numerous outreach events to provide community support and to celebrate Indian culture and heritage. FIA's efforts have included consular document service assistance for over 11,000 community members, cultural dance competitions that have engaged over 19,000 children in celebration of their heritage, and an annual Diwali Soup Kitchen which has successfully distributed thousands of meals throughout the Northeastern United States. Furthermore, FIA helped to distribute personal protective equipment and hot meals to first responders and community members during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Madam Speaker, I honor the dedicated work of FIA to serve and uplift the Indian-American community, sustain the legacy of Indian heritage across generations, and foster cross-cultural cooperation and understanding. FIA's activities benefit all the communities in which its members reside, and for that, we are all grateful.

FEDERAL FIREFIGHTERS  
FAIRNESS ACT OF 2022

SPEECH OF

**HON. JOE NEGUSE**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2022*

Mr. NEGUSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Rule and my colleague's legislation, the Federal Firefighter Fairness Act.

As wildfires grow larger and last longer, federal firefighters answer the call of duty, leaving

behind their lives and families for months at a time. Our firefighters are routinely exposed to occupational hazards ranging from carbon monoxide to cancer-causing chemicals released during fires.

I wholeheartedly support this legislation and efforts to establish a science-based list of diseases for which an automatic presumption of work-related illness would apply. This is a commonsense policy that ensures our firefighters get the care they deserve.

I am thankful that House Leadership brought this legislation to a vote ahead of this year's wildfire season. Our communities are depending on federal fire crews to keep us safe and reduce the threat of wildfire—federal firefighters should be able to rely on the federal government for livable wages and healthy work conditions in return.

That's why I introduced the Tim's Act, bipartisan legislation to overhaul federal firefighter pay, benefits and classification. I urge Congress to pass Tim's Act and recognize the needs of our brave wildland firefighters who risk their lives to keep our lands and our families safe.

I encourage a yes vote and thank my colleague, Rep. CARBAJAL, for bringing this legislation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. PAT FALLON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 12, 2022*

Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, I was called away due to a family emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 158, 159, 160, 161, 162; NAY on Roll Call No. 163; and YEA on Roll Call No. 164, 165, 166, and 167.

RECOGNIZING MICHAEL RALPH  
THIBAUT FOR BEING INDUCTED  
INTO THE UPPER PENINSULA  
LABOR HALL OF FAME

**HON. JACK BERGMAN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 12, 2022*

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Michael Ralph Thibault for his induction into the Upper Peninsula Labor Hall of Fame. Through a lifetime of service and devotion to the public good, Michael has become an indispensable part of the Upper Peninsula and the state of Michigan.

The U.P. Labor Hall of Fame was established in 1993 to recognize unionists who have made an outstanding contribution to the cause of worker dignity and workplace fairness. With a lifetime of service to his community and state, Michael is very deserving of this honor.

Michael was born in Escanaba, Michigan, on November 12, 1949, and was raised in the Village of Garden. He spent many summers working for local farmers and loggers until he graduated from Garden High School in 1967. In the spring of 1968, he traveled to Detroit with a Garden Peninsula ironworker to find work, eventually becoming a permit ironworker for a construction site.

In 1969, Michael decided to return to the U.P. and was accepted for an apprenticeship with International Association of Iron Workers Local 783. Over the next two decades, he served as an on-site steward representing Local 783 and Local 8 while working on many industrial projects. During that time, he joined the Joint Apprenticeship Committee for Local 783 and eventually the Executive Board as a Recording Secretary. Michael went on to serve in several other supporting roles, including as an Ironworker Business Representative, a delegate to the Marquette County Labor Council, and the founding president of the Upper Peninsula Regional Labor Federation.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Michael Ralph Thibault for his induction into the Upper Peninsula Labor Hall of Fame. This great honor reflects a lifetime of service towards the rights and wellbeing of fellow workers. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such a dedicated leader. On behalf of my constituents, I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ANNUAL  
GALA OF THE 92ND STREET Y,  
NEW YORK

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 12, 2022*

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the 92nd Street Y, New York (92NY) on the occasion of its annual gala, entitled "A Love Letter to New York." For nearly 150 years, 92NY has promoted learning and culture while providing a broad range of services and opportunities to the New York City community and beyond.

Founded in 1974 by a group of German Jewish professionals, 92NY has stood as a tremendous cultural institution in Manhattan's Upper East Side. As part of the Young Men's and Young Women's Hebrew Association, 92NY is testament to the contributions of the Jewish community to our city and nation. Since its founding, 92NY has expanded beyond New York's borders and has patrons in all 50 states and 200 countries around the world.

92NY is committed to enriching the lives of its patrons with world-class programming and embraces people of all backgrounds and persuasions. 92NY serves the Upper East Side as a community center, while simultaneously acting as a massive learning institution for a broader community. 92NY offers programs under five main tenants: Arts, Community, Jewish Life, Children & Family, and Innovation & Social Impact.

92NY displayed its dedication to its patrons during the COVID-19 pandemic. Electing to stay open, 92NY was faced with the task of adjusting its programming while continuing to serve its community. 92NY decided to embrace new digital technologies and moved its programming online, enabling it to reach a wider audience. Over the course of two years, 92NY created 5,000 original programs and attracted six million views, not only across America but from a larger international community.

As a result, 92NY has become a global institution. In order to successfully meet the

needs of its new patrons, 92NY created Roundtable, a new online learning platform. Roundtable offers high-level courses in the Arts, Food, History, Literature, Current Events, Economy and Politics taught by world-renowned educators. 92NY hopes this new program will create access for their international audience and help to form partnerships with other major cultural institutions worldwide.

Formerly referred to colloquially as 92Y, 92NY has made the decision to change its name in order to reintroduce themselves to its new global audience while cementing its unique relationship with New York City. 92NY endeavors to be "Where New York Meets The World."

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating 92NY's annual gala, which marks the beginning of a new global era for this incredible institution. For nearly 150 years, 92NY has made a significant contribution to New York City's cultural landscape. I wish them the very best of luck in continuing to add to the City's vibrancy and diversity, while working to expand their programming to audiences across the Country and around the World.

#### HONORING HANDS OF PEACE

#### HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Hands of Peace on the occasion of their 20th Anniversary. Headquartered in my Congressional District in Glenview, Illinois, Hands of Peace empowers American, Israeli and Palestinian youth to become agents of change.

Hands of Peace's flagship Summer Program brings American, Israeli, and Palestinian youth together in Chicago and San Diego for a three-week dialogue-based experience where they explore peaceful solutions to foster equality, freedom and justice.

Founded in 2002, Hands of Peace is celebrating 20 years of impact with more than 700 alumni creating positive peace around the world. Through the hosting of Middle Eastern participants in American homes, Hands of Peace has built international ties between Israeli and Palestinian families, and families here in my district.

Through dialogue, education and action, teens learn to listen deeply, share powerful stories and work together to improve their communities. Hands of Peace also partners with local community organizations to educate people about the power of dialogue to break down stereotypes, encourage civil discourse, and shape an understanding of our common humanity.

Hands of Peace continues to work with youth leaders to develop their skills and networks so they can build positive peace in their communities as they grow into adulthood.

Congratulations to Hands of Peace for empowering youth as agents of change and building youth leaders.

#### ARMENIAN ASSEMBLY OF AMERICA GENOCIDE COMMEMORATION EVENT

#### HON. JOSH GOTTHEIMER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD remarks I gave before the Armenian National Committee of America and the Armenian Assembly of America.

It's an honor to speak with you today. I'm JOSH GOTTHEIMER, representing New Jersey's Fifth Congressional District, and I'm also the Co-Chair of the bipartisan Problem Solvers Caucus. Throughout my time in Congress, I've always been proud to fight for our great Armenian American community in North Jersey—one of the largest in the country.

Tonight, I want to thank my friends with the Armenian National Committee of America and the Armenian Assembly of America, and also acknowledge any clergy and faith leaders joining us.

We are gathered here today to remember April 24th, 1915: the painful day when hundreds of Armenian intellectuals were rounded up and ultimately murdered at the beginning of the Armenian Genocide. May their memory be a blessing to us all.

By coming together to commemorate this atrocity, we not only mourn the lives lost, but we continue to rededicate ourselves to recognizing and speaking out against genocide around the globe and ensuring that we stand united in condemning hatred and violence.

I believe that it is our duty to speak out honestly about historical facts and recognize the massacre of 1.5 million Armenians, as well as Greeks, Assyrians, Chaldeans, Syrians, Arameans, Maronites, and other Christians by the Ottoman Empire.

As the husband of someone who lost entire parts of her family during the Nazis' attempt to exterminate European Jewry, the need to recognize genocide is a deeply personal one.

I know that it is never the wrong time to bear witness and tell the truth, and that the United States should never be complicit in denying genocide.

For too long, this genocide has been denied, and the victims and their families denied full justice.

In October 2019—nearly three years ago—thanks to the tireless efforts of activists and community leaders like all of you, as was said, we were able to achieve the historic passage in Congress of H. Res. 296—a resolution I was proud to cosponsor and vote for—affirming the United States' recognition of the Armenian genocide.

I was also proud to work with my colleagues in the bipartisan Congressional Armenian Caucus to write to President Biden urging him to recognize the Armenian Genocide.

And last year, as was talked about, for the first time, the sitting President of the United States formally declared the truth.

As we continue to see a rise in acts of hate and targeted violence against ethnic and religious minorities around the world, it is vital that we not conceal or be bystanders to evil.

By recognizing the Armenian Genocide, we pay tribute to the perseverance of the survivors and the dedication and contributions of the Armenian Americans who do so much to strengthen our communities and our nation.

I will continue to stand strong with our ally Armenia, in the face of threats and con-

tinued attacks from its neighbors, as we unfortunately have continued to see, even just in the last couple months. That includes continuing our call for the release of Armenian prisoners of war detained by Azerbaijan, as well as continued support for critical humanitarian assistance to Artsakh.

Know that you have an ally in Congress, and that my door is always open to you.

Today, we solemnly commemorate the genocide committed against the Armenian people. It is only by raising our voices to acknowledge and remember these horrific crimes against humanity, that we can look clearly into the future committed to pursue justice and eradicate hate.

Thank you, and God bless America.

#### IN HONOR OF MEMORIAL HERMANN THE WOODLANDS MEDICAL CENTER

#### HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, today I rise in celebration of the completed expansion project at Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Medical Center.

For nearly 115 years, Memorial Hermann Health System has been the premier health care provider in the Greater Houston region with 17 hospitals in the area. Located in Houston, the Memorial Hermann Texas Medical Center is one of the nation's busiest Level I trauma centers and serves as the primary teaching hospital for McGovern Medical School at UTHealth.

The Memorial Hermann Health System is famed for its cutting-edge advances in medical science and technology. As a nationally acclaimed Accountable Care Organization, it provides exceptional care in cardiology, neuroscience, orthopedics, women's health, general surgery, and organ transplantation. The Memorial Hermann Life Flight air ambulance service was the first of its kind in Texas, the second accredited air ambulance service in the nation, and is the busiest air ambulance system in the country.

In my district, Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Medical Center has been a valued partner for many years, caring for the community and engaging in numerous community events and activities.

Continuing with the system's tradition of excellence, Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Medical Center houses the Canopy Cancer Survivorship Center. A first-of-its-kind facility, the Canopy Center offers an array of programs and services designed to address the emotional, physical, and social needs of those impacted by cancer.

In November 2019, the Memorial Hermann Health System announced an expansion of its hospital in The Woodlands to meet the needs of patients and their families in the growing Montgomery County community. The new South Tower will provide 8 stories of patient care and house areas in which patients, their families and guests can learn, connect, and relax. The new addition will bring expanded patient and operating rooms to the campus and feature new interventional laboratories to allow Memorial Hermann to better serve the needs of our growing community.

I am honored to join the countless friends and supporters of the Memorial Hermann